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ABC, HAWTHORNE POLICE ARREST THREE FOLLOWING FOUR MONTH INVESTIGATION

Hawthorne— On April 23, 2005, Investigators from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and Hawthorne Police Department arrested three individuals at Anna's Tacos, 14007 Inglewood Avenue in Hawthorne on illegal drug charges. The actions were taken following a four month joint undercover investigation.

Undercover Investigators were able to make three separate purchases of cocaine during the investigation. Investigators also charged the suspects with conspiracy to commit a crime, one suspect was charged with an additional count of possession of a controlled substance.

In addition, two female employees were cited for illegal drink solicitations. The bartender was also cited for allowing the female employees to loiter for the purpose of soliciting patrons to purchase drinks for them, a violation of Section 25657 of the Business and Professions Code.

The ABC will bring disciplinary action against the owner of Anna's Tacos. The penalty could be a revocation of the license. "This helps build a safer and stronger community," said ABC Director Jerry Jolly. "We're grateful to the Hawthorne Police for their efforts and cooperation."

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

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